

FUNERAL MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

St. Patrick Catholic Church, Mount Dora, Florida

Music is integral to all Christian worship, including our funeral rites. It allows the community to express feelings that words alone may fail to convey. It has the power to console and uplift the mourners and to strengthen the unity of the assembly in faith and love. The texts of songs chosen for a particular celebration should express the Paschal mystery of the Lord's suffering, death, and triumph over death and should be related to the readings from Scripture.

Since music can evoke strong feelings, the music for the celebration of the funeral liturgy should be chosen with great care. The music at funerals should support, console, and uplift the participants and should help to create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and in the Christian's share in that victory.

Order of Christian Funerals, #30-31

Please choose four (4) songs:

Gathering, Preparation of the Gifts, Communion Procession, & Sending Forth

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and your default web browser will open directly to the recording.**

*(An asterisk * indicates a song that contains an "Alleluia" and, therefore, cannot be sung during Lent.)*

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| Amazing Grace (NEW BRITAIN) | I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Soper) |
| Amazing Grace: My Chains Are Gone (Tomlin) | Jerusalem, My Destiny (Cooney) |
| And Jesus Said (Alonso) | Jerusalem, My Happy Home (Land of Rest) |
| Be Not Afraid (Dufford) | *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (EASTER HYMN) |
| Beyond the Moon and Stars (Schutte) | Jesus, Remember Me (Taize) |
| Christ, Be Our Light (Farrell) | Lead Me, Lord (Becker) |
| City of God (Schutte) | Like a Shepherd (Dufford) |
| Emmaus (Alonso) | Lord, You Have Come/Pescador de Hombres (Gabarain) |
| Eye Has Not Seen (Haugen) | Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Temple) |
| *For All the Saints (SINE NOMINE) | May the Road Rise to Meet You (True) |
| Give Me Jesus (SPIRITUAL) | My Shepherd, You Supply My Need (Watts; RESIGNATION) |
| Go in Peace (Hart) | On Eagle's Wings (Joncas) |
| God of Day and God of Darkness (BEACH SPRING) | On That Holy Mountain (Mattingly) |
| Hail Mary: Gentle Woman (Landry) | Only This I Want (Schutte) |
| Here I Am, Lord (Schutte) | Precious Lord, Take My Hand (Dorsey) |
| Hosea (Weston Priory) | Rest Now in Me (Tate) |
| How Can I Keep from Singing? (ENDLESS SONG) | Sing with All the Saints in Glory (HYMN TO JOY) |
| How Great Thou Art (O STORE GUD) | *Soon and Very Soon (Crouch) |
| I Am the Bread of Life (Toolan) | The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ST. COLUMBA) |
| *I Can Only Imagine (Millard/Mercy Me) | There Is a Place (Lawton) |
| I Have Loved You (Joncas) | Unless a Grain of Wheat (Farrell) |
| I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (KINGSFOLD) | We Remember (Haugen) |
| I Know That My Redeemer Lives (DUKE STREET) | You Are Near (Schutte) |
| In Every Age (Whitaker) | |

Especially appropriate for the communion processional (also see Responsorial Psalms on next page):

- Behold the Lamb (Willett)
- Eat This Bread (Berthier)
- I Am the Bread of Life (Toolan)
- One Bread, One Body (Foley)
- Taste and See (Moore)

Responsorial Psalm

The psalms are rich in imagery, feeling, and symbolism. They powerfully express the suffering, pain, hope, and trust of people of every age and culture. Above all, the psalms sing of faith in God, of revelation, and of redemption. They enable the assembly to pray in the words that Jesus himself used during his life on earth. In the psalms, the members of the assembly pray in the voice of Christ, who intercedes on their behalf before the Father (OCF, 25). Since the psalms are songs, whenever possible, they should be sung (OCF, 26). Psalm texts should come from the Book of Psalms, and the Responsorial Psalm should never be replaced by another hymn or song, even if that text is scriptural. Psalms are also very appropriate for use during the communion procession.

Psalm 16: The Path of Life (Soper)

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God (Haugen)

Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd (Crandal)

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord (Soper)

Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation (Alonso)

Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs (Hurd)

Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting (Callanan) *(no link to recording)*

Psalm 84: How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place (Joncas)

Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful (Cotter)

Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing (Joncas)

Psalm 130: With the Lord There Is Mercy (Tate)

Psalm 131: Like a Child Rests (Walker)

Song of Farewell

The Song of Farewell is sung during the incensing. It serves to commend our sister or brother to the Lord and to ease our sadness and strengthen our hope.

Celtic Song of Farewell (LONDONDERRY AIRE)

Go in Peace (Hart)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Soper)

May the Angels Gather You to Heaven (Demny)

May the Road Rise to Meet You (True)

Song of Farewell (Sands)



We welcome other suggestions for music for the funeral liturgy that would be meaningful to you and your family during this difficult time. If you have ideas that you have not found on this list, please contact our Music and Liturgy office or one of our Ministers of Consolation to discuss how we may be able to incorporate your ideas into this special liturgy.